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SUBJECT: ICCS: INDODEL' S CALL ON AMBASSADOR WHITEHOUSE

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1. ACTING CHIEF INDODEL IMRAD IDRIS ( AMBASSADOR DHARSONO IS PRESENTLY IN PHNOM PENH) CALLED ON AMBASSADOR WHITEHOUSE APRIL 18 TO REVIEW GENERAL SITUATION IN CAMBODIA AND SVN.
2. FOLLOWING REVIEW RE SUPPLY PROBLEMS FOR RKG AND MAJOR ELEMNTS OF CURRENT MILITARY SITUATION HERE, IDRIS RENDERED VIEW THAT SITUATION FOR ICCS AND RELATIONS BETWEEN TWO SVN PARTIES HAVE WORSENEED SINCE COMPLETION OF US WITHDRAWAL AT END OF MARCH. IN INDONESIA' S JUDGEMENT, ACCORDING TO IDRIS, PERIOD IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING US WITHDRAWAL HAS ALWAYS BEEN RECOGNIZED AS THE MOST CRUCIAL, PARTICULARLY IN TERMS OF INTER- ACTION BETWEEN GVN AND PRG. IN INDODEL' S JUDGMENT, PARIS TALKS ARE GOING NOWHERE, TPJMC IS STYMIED, HOSTILITIES ARE INCREASING, AND THERE IS NO REDUCTION OF ANIMOSITY BETWEEN THE TWO SOUTH VIETNAMESE ELEMENTS. IDRIS ASKED IN REFERENCE TO INDONESIAN PARTICIPATION IN ICCS, " ARE WE HERE TO SEE THEM QUARRELING ENDLESSLY?"
3. DISCUSSING APRIL 7 ICCS HELICOPTER INCIDENT NEAR LAO BAO, CONFIDENTIAL

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IDRIS AGREED WITH WHITEHOUSE THAT MOST IMPORTANT ASPECT OF INCIDENT IS NOT WHERE HELICOPTER WAS SHOT DOWN BUT FACT IT

WAS SHOT DOWN. DECRYING INCIDENT AND IMPACT IT HAS HAD ON ICCS, IDRIS STATED, " IF WE RAISE HELL ON THE LAO BAO ISSUE, WE ASSUME THE US IS NOT AGAINST THIS." HIS ASSUMPTION WAS GRANTED. WHITEHOUSE NOTED THAT NOT ONLY WAS INCIDENT A CLEAR- CUT VIOLATION OF THE CEASEFIRE, BUT THAT THE EMBASSY ALSO HAD AN INTEREST AS THE US PILOTS CONCERNED WERE BEING CHALLENGED AS TO THEIR COMPETENCE.

4. DISCUSSIING THE OVERALL SITUATION, WHITEHOUSE NOTED THAT ALTHOUGH ON THE WHOLE CONDITIONS ARE NOW CONSIDERABLY MORE PEACEFIL IN MOST AREAS OF THE COUNTRYSIDE IN SVN, THE US IS DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE FLAGRANT VIOLATIONS BEING COMMITTED BY THE OTHER SIDE, SUCH AS AT HONG NGU, TONG LE CHAN, AREAS WEST OF HUE, ETC. IDRIS REMARKED: " WE THING THERE IS A DETERMINATION ON BOTH SIDES TO HAVE A SHOWDOWN."

5. WITH REFERENCE TO CONTINUED INDONESIAN PARTICIPATION IN THE ICCS, IDRIS STATED HIS DELEGATION HAS NO CONFIRMATION OR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE RECENT STATEMENT OF GENERAL PANGGABEAN REGARDING A POSSIBLE INDONESIAN WITHDRAWAL FROM THE COMMISSION.

6. IN A 180 DEGREE REFERSAL FROM THE POSITION GIVEN EMBOFF IN REFTEL, IDRIS INDICATED INDODEL WOULD MUCH APPRECIATE REGULAR EMBASSY MILITARY/ POL BRIEFINGS. AMBASSADOR WHITEHOUSE STATED HE WOULD UNDERTAKE TO ARRANGE THIS ON THE EMBASSY SIDE.

7. COMMENT: EMBASSY HAS AGREED SUBSEQUENTLY WITH AMBASSADOR IDRIS ON AN APRIL 19 BRIEFING ON NORTH VIETNAMESE INFILTRATION AND, COMMENCING APRIL 24, A ONCE WEEKLY MILITARY/ POL BRIEFING WILL BE PROVIDED AT THE EMBASSY FOR MEMBERS OF INDODEL SELECTED BY IDRIS.

8. AS A FOLLOW- UP TO DISCUSSION REFTEL, EMBASSY ARRANGED INTERVIEW WITH DHARSONO FOR USIS WIRELESS STORY, TIPPED OFF UPI WHO CONDUCTED INTERVIEW WITH DHARSONO AND SET UP VOA INTERVIEW WITH CHIEF INDODEL. EMBASSY HAS ALSO ARRANGED DINNER IN HONOR OF GENERAL WIDJOGO TO MEET MEMBERS OF RESICENT ATTACHE CORPS, AND HAS PLUGGED IDRIS INTO DINNER WITH DIPLOMATIC CORPS. OTHER ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING MADE TO EXPOSE DHARSONO TO TOP- LEVEL GVN OFFICIALS AND DIPLOMATIC CORPS. HOPEFULLY THESE MEASURES WILL BRING INDODELS MORE INTO LOCAL PICTURE AND PROVIDE GROWING BALANCE  
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IN THEIR ASSESSMENT OF SITUATION. NEVERTHELESS, WE BELIEVE CONSIDERABLE DEGREE OF PESSIMISM ON FUTURE OF ICCS AND RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN TWO SOUTH VIETNAMESE PARTIES WILL PERSIST UNLESS OBJECTIVE FACTORS CONCERNING THESE TWO ELEMENTS IMPROVE MATERIALLY.  
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